

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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JUNE 16, 2009

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve funding for the continuation of public transit services for the residents of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas of the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the continuation of public transit services for the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas of the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2009-10.
3. Approve the disbursement of \$2,449,000 from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Transit Enterprise Fund to finance the County of Los Angeles' share of the costs of the transit services.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Santa Clarita, providing for the City of Santa Clarita and the County of Los Angeles to jointly finance, and the City of Santa Clarita to administer, the transportation services for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to expend up to an additional 10 percent of the agreement amount for any additional work within the scope of the agreement, if required.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for the continuation of public transit services for the residents of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles (County) areas of the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This agreement continues a collaborative effort with the City of Santa Clarita (City) to provide public transit services to the community in a responsive manner. The Santa Clarita Transit service improves the mobility of the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of the Santa Clarita Valley Transportation services is estimated to be \$21,800,000 for Fiscal Year 2009-10. The County's jurisdictional share of the cost for these services is \$4,296,000. The City will be pursuing funding assistance such as various Federal Transit Administration grants, State grants, Proposition A Discretionary grants, and Propositional A Incentive grants for these services. Any grant funds received by the City, along with farebox revenue and Metrolink transfer revenue, will help offset the County's share of the cost. The County's jurisdictional share of the cost, less grants and farebox revenue for these services for Fiscal Year 2009-10, is estimated to be \$2,449,000. The necessary funds for the County's share of these services are available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Your Board has previously approved programs to provide public transit to the residents of the unincorporated County areas of Santa Clarita Valley. These services are more economically performed through partnership with the City and their independent contractor. These services include a seven-day-per-week local bus service, a five-day-per-week commuter bus service, and a seven-day-per-week elderly

and persons with disabilities and general public paratransit service. These services have been administered by the City since January 1, 1992.

The agreement will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreement will be signed after receiving the signed Jury Service Program Exception and Certification forms. The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Director of Public Works or her designee for signature.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter services.

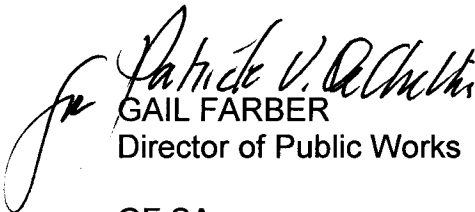
#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for the continuation of the current services. The Santa Clarita Transit service enhances the mobility of the public by providing access to other areas throughout the unincorporated County areas.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Director of Public Works

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